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SUBJECT: FORMER ASST. SECRETARY AGRICULTURE FELTNER'S NOV.  
19 LETTER TO COLOMBIAN VICE-MINISTER AGRICULTURE

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE ORIGINAL FORMER ASST. SECRETARY AGRICULTURE FELTNER'S NOV. 19 LETTER TO FORMER COLOMBIAN VICE-MINISTER AGRICULTURE VELEZ RE. U.S. CONCERN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT EXECUTIVE SESSION LAST SRG MEETING FOR TRANSMITTAL, APHIS APPROVAL OBTAINED FOR SENDING MINAG COPY OF LETTER.

2. DR. OMAR SANCHEZ, LIVESTOCK ADVISOR AT MINAG, REPLIED TO EMBASSY IN JANUARY 18 LETTER. OUR FREE TRANSLATION OF BODY SANCHEZ' LETTER FOLLOWS: "IT IS SUPERFLUOUS TO MENTION THA ANY OBSERVATION ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THIS PROJECT ALWAYS HAS MARITED OUR MOST DEDICATED ATTENTION AND IT IS THE SPIRIT OF THE GOVERNMENT TO COMPLY WHOLLY WITH THE COMMITMENTS MADE WITHIN THE BINATIONAL ACCORD. SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF THE PROJECT AND AS A RESULT OF THE OFFICIAL COMMENTS MADE THERE, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN:

A. NATIONALIZATION OF THE MOBILE UNITS OF CONTROL OF THE PROJECT.

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B. PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOQUIA ON THE SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONTROL OF ANIMAL MOVEMENTS.  
C. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONTROL POINTS FOR THEIR FUNCTIONING 24 HOURS DAILY.  
D. PROGRAMMING FOR TESTING THE POTENCY OF VACCINES RECENTLY PRODUCED.

E. REVISION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE 1977 PROJECT BUDGET.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE EXISTING LIMITATIONS AND THE OPERATING NATURE OF THE PROJECT, IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CG HAVE BEEN RESPECTED AND HAVE RESULTED IN CONCRETE ACTIONS.

WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT IN THE NEXT MEETINGS WITH THE CG AND THE BINATIONAL COMMITTEE PLANS CAN BE MADE FOR EXPANDING THE PROGRAM AND TO IMPROVE THE PROJECT'S PERFORMANCE BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST YEARS."

COMMENT: UPON RECEIPT OF STATE TEL. 8448 WE SENT LETTER TO SANCHEZ ADVISING FEB 7-8 DATES ACCEPTABLE TO USDA FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. IN LETTER WE ALSO MENTIONED USDA CONTINUES BELIEVE MEETING SHOULD FOCUS ON EVALUATING ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITIES AND PROGRAM OBJECTIVES PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING PROGRAM ENLARGEMENTS. SANCHEZ JAN 8 REPLY WRITTEN BEFORE HE RECEIVED OUR LATEST LETTER.  
SANCHEZ

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